

Section 1205 - Curb Cuts

1205.01 Permit Required. No person shall construct, reconstruct, or extend a private driveway, private street or lane to intersect with a public street under the control of the City without first obtaining a permit therefor from the City. The application for a permit shall be submitted to the Engineer on forms provided by the Engineer. The Engineer may require that the application be accompanied by plans and specifications for the work. The application shall be accompanied by the fee as set forth in Section 185 of this Code.

1205.02 Standards and Guidelines. No permit shall be issued unless the proposed work complies with the following standards and guidelines:

Subd. 1 **Materials.** That portion of the private driveway, private street or lane which traverses the public street right-of-way shall be constructed of materials as follows:

A. If the private driveway, street or lane intersects a concrete street or a concrete curb and gutter, then the apron and new gutter shall be concrete.

B. If the private driveway, street or lane intersects a bituminous roadway without concrete curb and gutter, the intersecting area may be concrete, bituminous or other materials approved by the Engineer.

Subd. 2 **Maximum Width.** The maximum driveway width at the curb line of the street shall be 30 feet exclusive of returns.

Subd. 3 **Minimum Distance to Street Intersection.** The minimum distance between the driveway and the nearest return of the intersection of two streets shall be 50 feet as measured at the curb line of the street.

Subd. 4 **Minimum Distance Between Driveways.** Except in the R-1 District and R-2 District as defined by Section 850 of this Code, the minimum distance between adjoining driveways shall be 20 feet as measured at the curb line of the street.

Subd. 5 **Minimum Distance Between Driveway and Lot Line.** Except in the R-1 and R-2 Districts as defined by Section 850 of this Code, the minimum distance between a driveway and a side lot line shall be 10 feet as measured at the curb line of the street.

Subd. 6 **Maximum Number.** On lots less than 75 feet in width, no more than one driveway per lot shall intersect a street.

Subd. 7 **Curb Cuts on Collector Streets.** The number of driveways intersecting a street designated as a collector or arterial by the Comprehensive Plan shall be limited to those driveways essential for adequate access. When properties adjoin more than one street, driveways shall be restricted if possible to the street with a lower volume of traffic. The following additional restrictions apply to lots in the R-1 District and R-2 District:

A. On interior lots as defined in Section 850 of this Code, no more than one driveway per dwelling unit shall intersect a street designated by the Comprehensive Plan as a collector or arterial.

B. On corner lots or through lots as defined in Section 850 of this Code, no driveway shall intersect with a street designated by the Comprehensive Plan as a collector or arterial. If all streets adjoining the lot are designated as collector or arterial, driveways shall be limited to the street with the lowest volume of traffic.

Subd. 8 **Other Standards.** The Engineer may adopt additional standards as to the design, materials, and installation of driveways to be located on the right-of-way of streets.

Subd. 9 **Exceptions.** The Engineer may grant exceptions to the standards and guidelines of this Subsection in order to allow reasonable access to property, provided that such exceptions do not result in conditions hazardous to vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

1205.03 Issuance of Permit. The Engineer shall grant a permit upon finding the work will comply with the requirements of this Section.

1205.04 Diligence in Performing Work. The provision of Subsection 420.05 shall apply to the installation of driveways pursuant to this Section.

1205.05 Final Inspection. After all construction and clean-up has been completed, the permit holder shall notify the Engineer and request final inspection and acceptance of the work.

History: None

Cross Reference: Sections 185, 850; Subsection 420.05